

Morgannwg Local Dental Committee

***Minutes of LDC meeting held at the Holiday Inn Express, Llandarcy
on Tuesday 27th March 2012.***

Members Present.

Dave Westcott in the chair, Roger Pratley, Anwen Hopkins, Rob Elliott, Rhian Paul, Mike Spencer-Harty, James Davies, Janet Megins, David Jones, Mark Harris, Tony Fodor, Lesley Hicks, Ewart Johnstone.

In Attendance.

Rhian Jones, Alison Walker.

Apologies for Absence.

Pam Norman, Richard Herbert, Hugh Bennett, David Davies, Celia Topping, Barrie David, Karl Bishop, Richard Jones, Stephen Gould, Gareth Davies, Chris Wills-Wood, Bill Walters, Rob Jones..

12/12 Minutes of the Meeting held on 31st January, 2012 were accepted.

12/13 Matters Arising.

12/04 Secretary's Report, 2. There is no protocol for the removal of patient's records from practices. It was decided this issue should be taken to Clinical Governance Group meeting. This meeting was cancelled, to take issue to next meeting.

12/07 Domiciliary Group 3. The system for allocation of domiciliary visits in Bridgend locality differs from NPT and Swansea. Chairman to clarify how they differ and report to next meeting.

12/07 Oral surgery MCN, 1. Draft referral form, emailed to all members, very helpful comments received. These now forwarded to David Drake.

12/09 AOB 1, Non BDA members can receive support from Benevolent Fund; also the Primary Support Service can help.

12/14 Correspondence.

All relevant correspondence had been emailed to all members previously.

12/15 Secretary's Report.

The Secretary's report had been emailed to all members previously.

1. Despite the HB being contacted three weeks ago regarding an update on OOH, there had been no response. The Chairman to contact Catherine Roberts for an update. Private patients are still able to access the OOH service.
2. The Education day at Baglan - the feedback received was positive with a view that regular updating should be done. There was concern raised at a comment made regarding Orthodontic DWSI's at one of the discussions. Concerns were raised that patients were not being returned for treatment quickly enough and treatment plans were taking a very long time to come through. This is then having a knock on effect that may lead to underperformance of UOA contract. This issue to be taken to Orthodontic MCN and LOC meetings.

12/16 Chairman's Report.

The Chairmen's Report had been emailed to all members previously.

The Operative Dentistry Working Group (Restorative Dentistry).

One of the objectives of this meeting was to verify acceptance of the revised referral proforma and referral criteria for acceptance of patients into advanced primary and secondary care. The LDC had the opportunity to consult on these papers in draft and has been accepted as fit for purpose.

The Domiciliary Subgroup

An interim review of the audit of Domiciliary Care providers in ABMU was presented to the group and from the results it was evident that there is no consistent policy across ABMU. A final draft and criteria to be drawn up and taken to the LDC.

12/17 Treasurer's Report and LDC Finance.

The Current Account balance stood at £1578.15.

There was £2000 to come in within the next week although this may not cover payment to members for attending meetings.

12/18 Delegates' Reports.

Oral Surgery.

Report emailed to all members previously.

1. Concerns were raised over the referrals received from Hywel Dda; there has been a decrease in the number and a lack of communication as to what is happening with the referral system. No representative of Hywel Dda was present at the meeting, it was suggested attendance by person responsible for Oral Surgery would be beneficial. AMBU HB to write to Hywel Dda suggesting this.
2. There is no capacity at Murrison Hospital for extra GA cases generated by the loss of paediatric GA services at Parkway. Therefore no decision had yet been taken on the date of transfer of Paediatric Dental GA referrals from Parkway to Hospital. LDC will monitor.
3. Max Fac acceptance criteria and referral forms, this was briefly discussed, it was requested LDC to be given opportunity to comment.

Orthodontics.

Report emailed to members previously.

1. There had not been any LOC or MCN meetings since last LDC meeting. Next meetings to be held in April.
2. New referral system- still waiting for news of then this will start, forms and protocols need to be circulated.
3. Waiting lists- very disappointing that there was no funding available for a waiting list initiative this year, waiting lists continue to be a huge problem in ABMU. Both Q Dental and

Neat Teeth have worked hard to convert waiting lists into digital format. These are now available to HB.

LDC/LHB Liaison Group.

Report emailed to all members previously.

1. It was confirmed all practices would need to have a legionella risk assessment. This would be carried out three yearly, HB would not recommend a company to GDP's to carry this service out. There is a link on BDA website to compliant risk assessment companies.
2. We were informed that WG funding for HepB immunisation had stopped. This is not the case, HB can ask for more funding as long as this doesn't exceed their share of the £10K. This to be put on LDC website.
3. LDC enquired when the minimum UDA value would be phased in. Minimum value currently at £21, to bring up to £22.50 in time. Any new UDAs /renegotiated contracts will be at £22.50.
4. Three practices, one from Bridgend and two from NPT had been invited to take part in a six month pilot for referral of high need patients to the DTU in Baglan. LDC had been consulted on referral forms and guidelines.

Dental Foundation Training.

Report emailed to all members previously.

1. Each scheme held a meet the trainer event in March to allocate applicants appointed to Wales via the central recruitment process, to approved DF1 training practices. Each day went well with all applicants/trainers accepting their allocation.
2. Deanery is going to ask advisers and trainers for feedback in due course so that they may evaluate and improve process for both trainers and trainees.

12/19 Funding for Primary Care Dentistry- Ministerial Letter (previously Circulated).

1. It was felt this letter suggests HBs in Wales are diverting ring fenced dental money.
2. The Chairman proposes to take concerns raised over this letter to DSSPG, for reassurance there is no discrepancy. It was felt reassurance and transparency was needed. LDC to draft an open letter to DSSPG.
3. A letter to be drafted by the Secretary and emailed to all members for comment.
4. Issue to be taken to WDC - BDA Wales making a Freedom of Information act request to all HB's in Wales.

12/20 Communication and Dental Information Portal.

Emailed to all members previously.

1. It was felt this would be an effective, easy way of delivering information to GDPs. The HB although interested have no funds available.

2. It was felt to be a good idea to set up an LDC Communication Sub Group to discuss this issue and report back to LDC. It was felt best for LDC to do this as information would then be relevant, a good point of reference and up to date.
3. Concern was raised this may overlap with BDA website.
4. A Facebook page was suggested, to see how successful this would be.
5. To be discussed and report back to next meeting.

12/21 Any Other Business.

1. Patients Charges- unsure if there would be an increase in the new contract year.
2. LDC Annual Conference – 14th/15th June 2012 to be held in Sheffield. The Secretary would be attending in his WGDPC capacity, any motions please forward to him.
3. WGDPC holding an enhanced meeting 18th May, every LDC can send one or two members, anyone interested please contact the secretary.
4. The two GDP's currently taking part in the pilots, to be invited to LDC for an update of how they are progressing. Felt all GPDs should be invited to this and the venue to be at Morrision Postgraduate Centre. Secretary to contact and report back at next meeting.

12/22 Date and Time of next meeting.

Tuesday 29th May 2012 at the Holiday inn Express, Llandarcy.